

Niagara Children's Centre Birth to School Start Speech-Language Pathology Referral Checklist – By 48 Months (4 years)



Before Completing, please refer to:

- Niagara Children's Centre Birth to School Start Speech-Language Pathology Referral Checklist - Consent Form
- Guidelines for QCCN Referrals using the Niagara Children's Centre Birth to "School Start" Speech-Language Pathology Referral Checklist

If results of the Checklist indicate a referral is needed, please refer to:

- Guidelines for QCCN Referrals using the Niagara Children's Centre Birth to "School Start" Speech-Language Pathology Referral Checklist
- Niagara Children's Centre Birth to "School Start" Speech-Language Pathology Referral Form for QCCN

Child's Information

Child's First and Last Name: _____

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): ___/___/____

Checklist Completion Information

Date Checklist was completed (DD/MM/YYYY): ___/___/____ Child's Age at Checklist Completion: _____

Checklist Completed by: _____ Role/Agency: _____

Date Checklist was discussed with parent(s)/guardian(s) (DD/MM/YYYY): ___/___/____

Referral Information

- Is the child currently waiting for or receiving Speech-Language Pathology services at Niagara Children's Centre? Yes* No *If yes, **do not** refer
- Was a referral to Niagara Children's Centre made? Yes No

If yes, date referred (DD/MM/YYYY): ___/___/____

How to Score the Checklist

Each age category is divided into **TWO** sections.

Section 1 represents skills that are expected "by" or "before" the age listed.

- Answer each question with a "yes" or "no"
- Make a referral if there are any "no" responses in this section

Section 2 questions refer to atypical communication concerns and behaviours that sometimes occur when a child is not developing communication as expected.

- Most "yes" responses in this section indicate a referral is recommended. Pay particular attention to questions that are **bolded** in Section 2. There must be at least 1 other "referral" response in either section 1 or 2 combined with the "yes" to the **bolded** question(s) in order to qualify for a referral.

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Section 1		YES	NO
1	Say more words that you can count (<i>well over 1000</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Say MANY more words every month	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	<p><u>Consistently</u> say a variety of phrases/sentences with 4 or more words (<i>don't count phrases said the same way every time like "See you later" and "I want more daddy"</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grammar mistakes <u>are normal</u> at this age If the child uses more than one language, they may use more than one language in their sentence and this is normal (e.g. "Le chein jumped on the hill"). 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	<p>Say a variety of words from ALL of the following categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nouns (<i>people, places, things</i>) Pronouns (<i>e.g. me, mine, my, you</i>) Verbs/action words (<i>e.g. run, jump, sing</i>) Position words (<i>e.g. behind, under</i>) Describing words (<i>e.g. big, pretty</i>) Quantity words (<i>e.g. a little, a lot</i>) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Take 2 or 3 turns in a conversation, but may find it hard to stay on topic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	<p>Say sentences contain at least 4 out of the following 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal pronouns (e.g. I, my, you, me, mine) Location words (e.g. in, on, under) "ing" Endings on verbs/action words (e.g. eating, running, jumping) Plurals (e.g. cats, toys, horses) Negatives (don't, can't, won't) 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<p>Say phrases/sentences for a variety of reasons including MOST of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask for more details (<i>e.g. if not satisfied with a short answer, will ask "how?" and "why?" to get more information</i>) Solve problems (<i>e.g. talk about problems that happen in play</i>) Repeat or explain if someone has not understood them (<i>e.g. try to say something again or repeat louder or use different words or gestures to try to be understood</i>) Comment on what he/she sees Negotiate Re-tell past events Give directions 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Understand more words than you can count (<i>well over 2000</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Respond with words to MANY "who", "what is he doing", "where" questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Follow two-step directions that don't always happen together (<i>e.g. "Bring me your plate and go clean up your toys"</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Follow MANY one-step directions he/she may not have heard before (<i>e.g. "Put a toy in your shoe"</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Enjoy interactive play with people using books OR toys	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Pretend by acting out everyday, familiar activities with toys involving TWO or more steps (<i>e.g. feeds doll then puts it to sleep</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	<p>Say consonant sounds at the beginning, middle AND end of words.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not be able to pronounce the L, R, V, SH, CH, J and TH sounds properly at this age – this is normal 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	<p>Speak clearly enough to be understood by parents and unfamiliar people <u>at least</u> 75% of the time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The child's ability to be understood will vary depending on what they are saying and who they are saying it to 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refer for any "no" responses in Section 1			

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Section 2		YES	NO
1	Have an unusual voice quality (e.g. nasal, hoarse and scratchy; or always sounds like they have a cold when they do not have a cold; breathy/sounds like a lot of air comes out when talking; voice sounds strained)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Stutter: repeat words or sounds (e.g. “L L L”) or syllables (e.g. “da da daddy”), prolong sounds (e.g. mmmm-mommy) or get stuck on sounds in words (e.g. “b---all”)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Have limited interest in people (e.g. has limited smiling, laughing, making eye contact, or responses to a person’s speech/facial expressions/gesture; seems more interested in objects than people’s faces)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	No longer have social or communication skills they once did (e.g. is no longer smiling and laughing, is no longer making noises)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	<u>Often</u> use someone’s hand as a tool in order to request something (e.g. places an adult’s hand on objects to request opening containers or activating toys)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	<u>Often</u> repeat other people’s phrases or sentences in a meaningless way (e.g. may repeat your question instead of answering it, parent says “what’s that?” and child responds “what’s that?”)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	<u>Often</u> repeat “whole phrases”, “memorized sentences”, or “scripts” heard originally from people, TV shows, movies, or books when these phrases do not seem relevant to the situation AND has difficulty using words appropriately in everyday situations (e.g. to communicate their wants and needs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Have big reactions to unusual fears (e.g. fears noises, moving objects, weather) AND does not seek/initiate getting comfort from adults (e.g. does not reach for parent)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Move their fingers, hands, or body in an odd or repetitive way (e.g. repeatedly flaps their hands, stiffens fingers during play or rocks body frequently throughout the day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Have limited interest in toys or use toys/objects in an unusual, unexpected or repetitive way (e.g. <u>only</u> lines up toys or <u>only</u> examines toy parts rather than play with them in the intended manner; spins, smells, opens/closes parts excessively; repeats the same steps with a toy over and over; stares along the edges of objects; dangles string or holds items closely in front of their eyes; notices fans and light switches in every room)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	<u>Often</u> complete MANY activities in a special way or certain order and become very distressed if the activity is interrupted (e.g. insists on routines or has to complete activities in a certain way or sequence; insists you must play with a toy in a certain way and is difficult to comfort if even small changes occur)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Show an intense interest in letters or numbers or specific topics/activities (e.g. dinosaurs, trains) AND show very little interest in other topics or activities OR becomes very distressed when he/she must stop talking about the topics/doing the activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Refer for any “yes” responses in Section 1 (if bolded , there <u>must</u> be another “referral” response on this form from any section)			